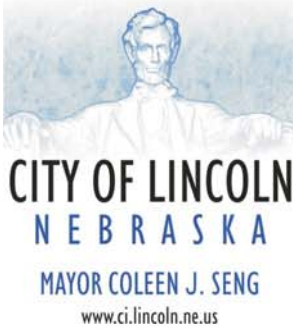


Draft CIP Released



PLANNING DEPARTMENT NEWSLETTER

Each year at this time, the Planning Department issues a draft Capital Improvement Program (CIP) that shows major projects various City departments have prioritized and anticipate will be constructed over the next six years. This document is provided to the Planning Commission, which is required by the City charter to review all such projects for consistency with the adopted Comprehensive Plan.

The Mayor will then take this document, make any changes deemed appropriate, and submit the first year of the CIP as a part of the budget submission to the City Council in July.

Although the six-year plan is not officially adopted, it is an important reference document for the Council in making its annual budget decisions. Developers, lenders, builders, businesses and residents look to this document to help them make various investment decisions.

The draft CIP, which is on the Planning web page, will be reviewed by the Planning Commission in a workshop on May 9 and in a public hearing on May 16. This edition of the CIP shows:

- › \$2.6 million in General Funds for projects in next year's annual budget.
- › Accelerated efforts to keep pace with earmarked federal funds and construct the remainder of the Phase 1 Antelope Valley improvements. The CIP shows the bulk of these improvements should be completed within the next four years.
- › Allocation of \$27 million in highway allocation bond funds to construct several long-needed road improvements, as well as repair

sidewalks and help pave gravel roads in older neighborhoods.

- › Aggressive expansion of water and sewer mains at the City's fringes to provide more opportunities for new jobs and housing, as called for in the updated Comprehensive Plan that was adopted last December, including utility

extensions northeast along Cornhusker Highway toward Waverly.

- › A potential bond referendum to make needed repairs to Pershing; instead, the Council might choose to authorize funds for limited design work on a replacement facility in the West Haymarket area.
- › A potential public safety bond referendum on new police, fire, and emergency communication facilities and equipment.



HP Info Now on Web Page

Want to do a virtual tour of the City's historic landmarks and districts? Now you can -- as well as find out when talks and tours on Lincoln's heritage are scheduled, and other information about our local historic preservation



program, which has been ably administered by our planner Ed Zimmer for the past 22 years. We are still building this new link, so watch it grow. Just go to the Planning Department web page lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: historic).

New Bus Route System Proposed

Consultants working with StarTran staff, its advisory board and the Planning Department have developed a proposed new system for running the City's fixed-route bus system. By focusing on the areas with higher ridership and re-doing how the buses travel through the downtown area, they have come up with a plan that will provide better service at no extra cost. Service improvements would include a new, free downtown shuttle system, as well as modest expansion of evening service



and a plan for some buses to run more frequently. These ideas were reviewed at community open house sessions that were very well attended. The City Council will review these ideas as well as other longer-range concepts for the bus system in the next few months. If the Council approves a new route system, it should be operational by the middle of next year. For more information about this proposed plan, see "Transit Development Plan Study" on Planning's web page.

College View Mobility Audit

A stream of recent studies suggest that health is related to the opportunities for people to walk and bike to take care of some of their daily activities, instead of relying strictly on the automobile. Planning has secured a small federal grant to undertake a study on how to provide more of these opportunities in one of our interesting neighborhoods, the former town of College View. A planning/engineering team will be organizing residents, business people, Union College officials and students, Calvert School parents and school officials in taking stock of their neighborhood and how to make walking and bicycling in this area safer and more convenient. The ideas from this study hopefully will be transferable to other neighborhoods as well.

WHO? WHAT? WHERE? WHEN?

Mayor Seng - in conjunction with the 2015 Vision Group - has created a 17-member Action Team to pursue development opportunities in the West Haymarket area. The **West Haymarket Action Team (WHAT)** is charged with implementing recommendations from several recent community efforts. These recommendations include building an arena, hotel and convention complex in West Haymarket. The land targeted for development is generally located within the railyards to the west of the Haymarket district. The relocation of several existing rail lines would be required - a project favorable to the operations of the BNSF.



The Action Team is headed by Mayor Seng, Chamber President Wendy Birdsall, and former State Senator David Landis. It includes representatives from various community, business and neighborhood organizations, as well as the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Staff support for the Action Team is drawn from numerous City agencies and several private engineering, planning, legal and financial firms. The Action Team's goal is to have a draft Redevelopment Plan to the City Council for its consideration by late September of this year.

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Streamlining Final Plat Approvals

The Planning Department held meetings last month with private engineers/surveyors and other department staff to identify ways to further cut timeframes in reviewing final subdivision plats -- particularly "re-plats" where small portions of the original additions are being reconfigured. New language has been developed for bond agreements held to guarantee subdivision improvements, by which the guarantees will be "automatically" transferred to cover lots that are re-platted. This will eliminate the need for establishing new bonds and new subdivision agreements with each re-plat. This revised form for the "Agreement for Escrow of Security Fund" has been posted on the Planning web page, under "Fees, Forms, Flowcharts & Checklists."



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